Episode #17: Building A Friendship

Characters:

- Ash Ketchum
- May
- Max
- Dawn
- Ty Masterum
- Raye Rose
- Jonah
- Lillie
- Tupp
- Zipp
- Rapp
- Plumeria
- Team Skull Grunts
    - Tupp
    - Zipp
    - Rapp
    - Yuho **(Debut)**
- Connor **(Debut)**
- Tristan **(Debut)**
- Morty **(Mentioned)**

Pokemon:

- Pikachu **(Ash's)**
- Blaziken **(May's)**
- Glaceon **(May's)**
- Manaphy **(May's)**
- Piplup **(Dawn's)**
- Quilava **(Dawn's)**
- Teddiursa **(Ty's)**
- Totodile **(Ty's)**
- Eevee **(Raye's)**
- Psyduck **(Raye's)**
- Rockruff **(Jonah's)**
- Squirtle **(Jonah's)**
- Vulpix **(Lillie's; Alolan form; Snowy)**
- Salandit **(Tupp's; ×3)**
- Yungoos **(Zipp's; ×3)**
- Garbodor **(Zipp's)**
- Zubat **(Rapp's; ×3)**
- Abomasnow **(Connor's; debut)**
- Rapidash **(Tristan's; debut)**
- Victreebel **(Yuho's; debut)**
- Hypno **(Team Skull Grunt's)**
- Gligar **(Team Skull Grunt's; ×2)**
- Loudred **(Team Skull Grunt's; ×2)**
- Golem **(Team Skull Grunt's; ×2)**
- Noctowl **(×4)**
- Bellossom **(×4)**
- Ledyba **(×3)**
- Stantler **(×7)**
- Butterfree **(Multiple; Ash's; fantasy)**

Symposis:

Plot:

On their way to Ecruteak City, Ash and his team are on Route 37, getting closer to their destination as Ty is prepared for his gym battle with Teddiursa excited. While everyone is taking a break for a bit, they see many pokemons around the field where they spotted a pack of Ledyba flying while looking at Noctowl standing on the tree branch, then, they see multiple Butterfree flying by with Ash reminded of his old memories about Butterfree. A group of Stantler appears, Max pets Stantler while they are amazed by a group of Bellosom, singing. Pikachu, Teddiursa and Manaphy were having fun with Bellosom. Dawn offered everyone some berries, sharing with each other. Manaphy enjoyed eating a berry for the first time, Lillie tells May that Manaphy loves meeting other pokemons and becoming friends with them, which Ty tells that they are developing friendships with each other.

During their conversation, the gang hears an argument voice closer and went to investigate, they see two male trainers arguing, Ash questions about their situation, which they responded to see who are a better trainer, the trainers introduced themselves, Connor from Sinnoh region and Tristan from Johto, greeting the gang, Max questions to Connor and Tristan if they are friends, which they respond that they are not. Ash offered Connor and Tristan to come with them for a while, which they agreed but they still disliked each other. Unknown to the gang, Tupp, Zipp, Rapp and Team Skull was watching them from the bushes, Yuho, a new member of their team questions if they can attack, Tupp told him to wait until he contacts Plumeria on his device, telling her that they found Ash's team, which Plumeria tells the grunts to keep following them without being spotted, they followed Plumeria's order as they continue to follow them. During their trip, Tristan enjoys a fresh water bottle that he shared from the gang, but Connor had his warm water after he took a drink and asked Tristan to borrow his fresh water, he shouts at him to get his own water instead of taking his, leading to their argument again making Ash and his sighed.

Dawn and May calmed the two trainers to stop their uncomfortable fight which Tristan still doesn't like Connor for starting everything but Connor wishes that he was better than him to prove himself. However, Ty and Jonah tell them that they did the same thing by arguing from last time. Lillie persuades them to develop friendships instead of being enemies, they still disagree and don't trust each other. Suddenly, their conversation was interrupted by Team Skull, Tupp mocks the gang from last time after they're defeated because of Manaphy, making Manaphy a bit scared, and May gets mad at the grunts for scaring off Manaphy, which Yuho doesn't care about that and attempts to steal Manaphy.

Without wasting their time, Team Skull and Ash's team battles each other sending their pokemons out to fight, Snowy used tackle against Garbodor while Yuho's Victreebel takes out Snowy with Razor Leaf, but Victreebel was hit by Psyduck's psybeam, saving Snowy. Tristan's Rapidash uses Flame Wheel against three Zubat, a grunt tells Hypno to use Headbutt against Connor's Abomasnow, but dodges on time and hits Hypno with Ice Punch, Manaphy was cornered Loudred who's ready to attack, May who arrives just in time, tells Blaziken to use Mega Kick, knocking Loudred out, but unfortunately, Blaziken was hit by Golem's Rollout, however, Golem was hit by Totodile and Squirtle with their combine Water Gun together, May thanks Ty and Jonah both for assistance, which Ty says that their lucky to work together, meanwhile, Pikachu uses Quick Attack against Garbodor only to end up missing it after Garbodor dodged it and directs hit Pikachu with Body Slam, in response, Eevee saves Pikachu and strikes Garbodor with Swift, then Pikachu knocks the trash heap pokemon with quick attack, Raye warns to the grunt by not treating his Pikachu like that which Pikachu nodded, suddenly, a trio of Salandit unleashes their Flame Burst together at Pikachu and Eevee, luckily they dodged without being hit until Teddiursa hits Salandit with his Fury Swipes. Loudred and Piplup were battling until Loudred was hit by Piplup's Bubblebeam. Then, Rapidash knocks Yungoos with his Stomp only to be countered by Gligar's Acrobatics, the two Gligar prepares to attack Rapidash as Tristan struggles, suddenly, Connor realizes about his actions against Tristan from earlier, saves Rapidash by telling Abomasnow to strike Gligar with Ice Shard, Tristan thanked him, Connor smiles, Tristan tells Rapidash Double Kick against the trio of Yungoos while Connor tells Abomasnow to strike the grunt's pokemon with Ice Shard, the gang was amazed at these two by working together. Tupp tells his Salandits to attack, but they are hit by Abomasnow's Wood Hammer, shocking Tupp while Rapidash attacks with flame charge knocking all the grunt's pokemon, including Victreebel. The battle was over, earning Ash's team victory.

Overwhelmed by their loss, Team Skull retreated, with the gang cheering for winning while Connor and Tristan high five each other. In the woods, Plumeria accuses Zapp for his failures, which he is sorry about, which Plumeria had other plans to stop the gang next time they see them, Zapp and his grunts agreed with it. In the sunset, Ash thanked Tristan and Connor for their assistance. Tristan says that he and Connor have improved each other while working together, until they apologized for their lack of argument. As a result, they built their friendships, becoming friends for the first time, thanking Lillie for giving their lesson, she smiles. Connor offers Tristan to join him on the adventure, which he accepts. The gang waves goodbye to them as they are ready to leave for Ecruteak City, which Ty is ready for with Teddiursa and Totodile excited.